

State of Alaska FY2022 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Broadband Assistance Grants Component Budget Summary

Component: Broadband Assistance Grants

Contribution to Department's Mission

To assist school with internet services.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2020

- The funds were distributed to school districts, reimbursing eligible costs incurred by the district in FY2020. Twenty school districts applied for and received \$1.1 million in state financial assistance to bring bandwidth at 72 schools up to 10 Mbps. Library Development staff supplied School Broadband Access Grant (BAG) data and input to the 2020 Legislature as it passed legislation for School BAG at 25 mbps through both houses and sent it to the Governor, where it was approved as Chapter 5, SLA20.

Key Component Challenges

No significant challenges.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2022

There are no significant changes in results to be delivered in FY2022.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 14.03.127

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Education and Early Development

Component: Broadband Assistance Grants (3004)

Non-Formula Component

RDU: Alaska State Libraries, Archives and Museums (386)

	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Conference Committee	FY2021 Authorized	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor	FY2021 Management Plan vs FY2022 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	186.0	186.0	100.0%
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,611.9	7,611.9	100.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,797.9	7,797.9	100.0%
Fund Sources:							
1001 CBR Fund (UGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,797.9	7,797.9	100.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,797.9	7,797.9	100.0%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Positions:							
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Education and Early Development

Component: Broadband Assistance Grants (3004)

RDU: Alaska State Libraries, Archives and Museums (386)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
	Subtotal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2021 Management Plan To FY2022 Governor *****												
Reverse Internet for Schools (SB74) (Sec2 Ch8 SLA2020 P41 L23 (HB205))												
	FNOTI	-241.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-241.6	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		-241.6										
This bill amends AS 14.03.127, Funding for Internet Services, by increasing the megabit threshold for the School Broadband Assistance Grant (School BAG) from 10 megabits to 25 megabits per second (mbps). A district, in which one or more schools qualify for a discounted rate for internet services, is eligible to receive a School BAG for each school for the amount that is necessary to bring all schools in that district up to 25 mbps of download speed.												
Transfer School Broadband Assistance from Library Operations												
	Trin	8,039.5	0.0	0.0	186.0	0.0	0.0	7,853.5	0.0	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		2,009.9										
1004 Gen Fund		6,029.6										
Transfer School Broadband Assistance (BAG) to a new component. By assigning School BAG to its own component, stakeholders will have a transparent and effective way to monitor the funding fortunes of this critical educational infrastructure program, especially important in a time of virtual learning caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.												
From FY2015 through FY2020, the School BAG program provided annual financial assistance to Alaskan schools that could not afford to get 10 megabits per second (mbps) of download service each year. School BAG was awarded \$5,000,000 in FY2015, then experienced annual decreases in its allocation, culminating in an award of \$1,487,500 in FY2020. These School BAG allocations were added to the Library component's grant line.												
In the current fiscal year, the School BAG program provides state funds that combine with E-Rate and local school funds to help schools reach 25 mbps, per SB74 (Chapter 5 SLA 2020). The current allocation for School BAG totals \$8,039,500. Once again, the FY2021 School BAG has been added to the Library component.												
Fund Source Adjustment of CBRF to UGF												
	FndChg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1001 CBR Fund		-2,009.9										
1004 Gen Fund		2,009.9										
Replace Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund (CBRF) used as a one-time funding mechanism in FY2021.												
Totals		7,797.9	0.0	0.0	186.0	0.0	0.0	7,611.9	0.0	0	0	0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Education and Early Development
Services

Component: Broadband Assistance Grants (3004)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
3000	Services		0.0	0.0	186.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	186.0
3024	Inter-Agency Legal	Department of Law legal services and regulations review.	0.0	0.0	186.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Education and Early Development
Grants, Benefits

Component: Broadband Assistance Grants (3004)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		0.0	0.0	7,611.9
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2020 Actuals	FY2021 Management Plan	FY2022 Governor
		7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals	0.0	0.0	7,611.9
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants	School broadband assistance grants.	0.0	0.0	7,611.9